



Main Point: Count everything loss in order to gain Christ

- 1) This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee
 - 2) This is the king of the daughter of Zion
 - 3) This is the Suffering Servant of the Lord
- Conclusion: This is the Lord and Savior of guilty and helpless sinners

#1:

"God knows in advance our every word before we speak it, to the full number of the days of our lives. God predicts the naming of certain individuals long before they are born, as well as their places in specific kingdoms that are yet future. He declares how many kings will come at some future time, which alliances will be made, the effect of these matters on other nations and on Israel, and how long governmental structures will last. He predicts for specific situations such things as 'seven years,' 'fifteen years,' 'seventy years,' '400 years,' 'three denials,' 'sixty-two and seven weeks.' Regarding Christ, God predicts the birth in Bethlehem, the slaughter of the infant boys, the flight to Egypt, the nail-pierced hands, the dividing of the garments, the unbroken bones, the death with criminals, and the burial in the tomb of the rich. I could go on and on. Imagine how long the list would be were we to include everything in the Bible, in all its detail, specifically predicted by God. The amount of his predictive revelation is, simply put, overwhelming."

Bruce Ware
God's Lesser Glory

#2:

"In the expectations of the day, it was fairly easy for the crowd, after hearing Jesus' preaching and seeing his miracles, to ascribe messiahship to him as much in their hope as in conviction. But it was far harder for them to grasp the inevitability of his suffering and death..."

DA Carson

#3:

"Jesus is a king whose nature is contrary to the popular expectations of his day. He did not establish his kingship by winning wars. His entrance on a donkey indicated that he triumphs through suffering...If this were the time for battle, Jesus could summon the assistance of twelve legions of angels. Jesus submitted to the cross in order to fulfill what the Scriptures teach."

Thomas Schreiner
New Testament Theology: Magnifying God in Christ

